

TWO LIGHTS

**Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth
January 11, 2023**



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ROTARY**

*Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change –
across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.*

Upcoming Dates:

January 18 – No Meeting

January 21 – Lions Spaghetti Dinner (see flyer for details)

January 25 – Joe Powers, Maine Venture Fund

January 26, 5:30 – South Portland Food Cupboard Donation Processing

February 1 – Katie Shorey, Maine Start-up and Create

February 8 – Emma Bodwell, our District International Service Chair and District Governor for the year 2025-26

January 25 Duties

Opening Words – Danielson

Raffle Gift – McGreehan

Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up*

OWL Operation – *please sign up*

February 1 Duties

Opening Words – Danois

Raffle Gift – Meyers

Meeting Room Setup – *please sign up*

OWL Operation – *please sign up*

Opening Words – Kathy Cotter shared a profound observation from Maya Angelou:

“I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.”

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

 *Jack Roberts (1/16)*

 *Hannah Olshansky (1/17)*

Happy Anniversary to

 *Doug & Dana Schauf (1/21)*

 *Bob & Judy Knupp (1/30)*

Our sincere condolences to former member and past president Kathy Ray whose father Jerry Newbury passed away recently. Kathy was #3 in the three-in-a-row female presidents that introduced female leadership to SP-CE Rotary.

Get well wishes to Dan Mooers who has been under the weather recently.

Bon Voyage to

✕ Hannah Olshansky as she vacations in Barbados for her birthday!

✕ Sari Greene as she and Eric head off to Australia for a couple months (we're all jealous!)

Congratulations to Sari Greene who won the raffle gift donated by Mike McGovern

Congratulations to Kiley Wilkens-O'Brien who received an award from the federal government which will allow her to be more effective in the vital work that she does for mental health services in Maine.

Where is Jennifer Jones? – Well, this week RI President Jennifer Jones was at the International Assembly (a training meeting for next year's governors), as was Mike McGovern. Mike sent us a video of Jennifer greeting our club and threatening to get Mike onto the dance floor to do an Irish jig. (I don't currently have access to the video but hopefully we'll be able to send you a link to it if you missed it.) One of the features of the Assembly is the unveiling of the RI theme for next year: “Create Hope in the World.”

From the Commissioner – Chuck sent this announcement: “Peter Bennett ran away with the field on Week 18 with 14 correct picks, and with three weekly wins Rockin Ray is our season champion! Congratulations to both of you, and with the win, we no longer have to spell out Healey’s name in caps to assuage his fragile ego! Congratulations also to Bob Danielson for having the most correct picks for the entire season!”

Ray received the Yorkie trophy from President Jim this week and thanked Bill York, “the wind beneath our wings.” He said the key to his success was 20% perspiration, 20% inspiration and 90% luck.



Hola, Liam! - That’s about the extent of my Spanish but our guest speaker this week Liam Murphy had the chance to immerse himself in Spanish language and culture this summer. Our club sponsored Liam in a short-term Rotary Youth Exchange. In the exchange, he spent 4 weeks in Spain with the Castillo family (along with another exchange student from the other Portland and one from Germany) and then Gonzalo Castillo spent 4 weeks in Maine with the Murphys. Liam is a junior at Baxter Academy and gave us a presentation full of beautiful pictures showing all the places his host family visited while he was there. Here is a photo of where he lived while not traveling all over Spain.



The exchange was coordinated by our International Service Director Peter Bennett and the District Youth Exchange Committee Chair Kathy Perkins from the Westbrook-Gorham club (pictured between Liam and Jim). Liam’s mom Lindsey also joined us; she had been an exchange student herself and expressed her sincere gratitude to the club.



Tree Sale Recap – President-Elect Dan McDonald reported some of the statistics on the tree sale, including the fact that we as a club put in 557 volunteer hours. The champion “shifter” was Michele Danois who worked 13 shifts, followed by our tech guru President Jim who worked 10 shifts. Our estimated profit is about \$57,000 (a couple expenses had not yet been paid so the figure is not exact). There were 70 trees left over (probably due to the two Saturdays with bad weather) which went to a goat farm and the landfill. Dan called out special appreciation for:

- 🌲 Aaron Filieo who arranged for the help of the football, basketball and hockey teams – we couldn’t have done it without them;
- 🌲 Scott Irving for managing the website;
- 🌲 Tony & Tom Meyers – basically for doing everything that needed to be done;
- 🌲 Jim Britt & Dave Bags, Sr – technology
- 🌲 John LoBosco, Fran, Anne and Jim B for chairing the subcommittees

Dan asked for suggestions for improvements to the sale and Nancy Irving, who will be running the sale next year, feverishly wrote down all the suggestions.

Bob’s January Rotary Magazine Quiz

1. On page 2 of the January magazine is a picture of a skier atop an Alp in Austria. How do you think he should plan his way down?
 - a. Very carefully
 - b. Call a helicopter
 - c. Go backwards
 - d. Ask if it is fair to all concerned
2. What is the newest development of our Rotary magazine?
 - a. Waiver of annual audit requirement
 - b. More local features
 - c. Accepting advertising
 - d. Increased editorial content
3. As of result of our country’s departure from Afghanistan, how many Afghans have been airlifted after the Taliban takeover?
 - a. 8,600
 - b. 68,500
 - c. 88,500
 - d. 107,500
4. How many cellphones are discarded annually in the United States?
 - a. 2.5 billion
 - b. 950,000
 - c. 100 million
 - d. Enough to fill 25 landfills
5. Bonus question. Victor Fleming’s crossword puzzle has a clue at 64 across: “Community of interest.” What is the 10-letter answer?

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